IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application No. : 10/562457 Confirmation No. 6038

Applicant : Koichi Kuroki et al. Filed : December 29, 2005

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Examiner : Kuang Y. Lin

Title : MOLDING OF SLURRY-FORM SEMI-SOLIDIFIED

METAL

Docket No. : SHM-16408 Customer No. : 040854

AMENDMENT "B"

(In response to Paper No./Mail Date 20070122)

Mail Stop <u>AMENDMENT</u> Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This amendment is filed in response to the Office action dated January 29, 2007. The three month period for responding to the Office action expires on April 29, 2007. Three claims in excess of twenty are presented for examination. Please charge the \$150 extra claim fee to Deposit Account 18-0160, Order No. SHM-16408, and amend the above-identified application as follows:

- Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.
- Remarks/Arguments begin on page 12 of this paper.